

REMARKS

Claims 18 and 19 were allowed. Claim 18 has been amended in order to correct a typographical error that was entered via an Examiner's Amendment. The specification has been amended to alleviate a typographical error, i.e. redundant serial number in the second line of the first paragraph. Support may be found in the specification generally and the claims as originally filed. No statutory new matter has been added. Therefore, entry of the claims and specification as amended before issuance of the application is respectfully requested.

In a telephone conversation with the Examiner on 20 January 2004, the Examiner stated that she would allow the entry of the amendments herein. Applicants greatly appreciate the Examiner's consideration and assistance in the prosecution of this case.

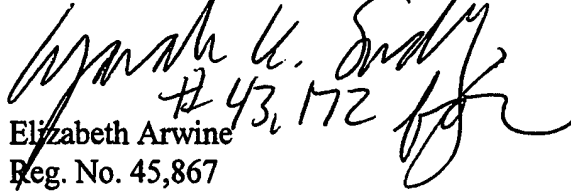
Applicants note that the specification comprises the proper priority claim. Applicants also note that a declaration claiming the priority was filed and entered during the prosecution of this case. Nevertheless, the Official Filing Receipt does not contain the correct priority claim information. Applicants note that the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, does acknowledge the domestic priority claim. During the telephone conversation with the Examiner on 20 January 2004, Applicants asked the Examiner whether a Request for a Corrected Filing Receipt is necessary. The Examiner did not know. On 20 January 2004, Applicants called the help desk at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and talked with two different practice specialists. Unfortunately, Applicants received two conflicting answers. Therefore, Applicants submit herewith a Request for a Corrected Filing Receipt. Applicants request that a Corrected Filing Receipt be issued so long as such does not delay or revoke the application from issue.

CONCLUSION

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. **210380**, referencing Attorney Docket No. **WRAIR 95-01B**.

Respectfully submitted,

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